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1. IN COURSE OF MAY 18 DISCUSSION WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT
SECRETARY ARMITAGE, PARTY SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
ANDREI TOUCHED ON FOLLOWING NON-BILATERAL AREAS:
2. MIDDLE EAST - GOR CONVINCED THAT RELATIVELY GOOD RELATIONS
AMONG ARAB STATES MOST INVOLVED IS ONE MAJOR FACTOR FAVORABLE
TO CREATION OF BROADER BASE FOR SETTLEMENT, AS IS EVOLUTION
OF PLO TO POINT WHERE LAST COUNCIL MEETING AUTHORIZED DIS-
CUSSION OF PARTICIPATION IN GENEVA CONFERENCE AND WHERE PLO
REPRESENTATIVES WILL MEET WITH "DEMOCRATIC, PROGRESSIVE"
ISRAELIS. ROMANIA'S EFFORTS CONCENTRATED ON TRYING TO FIND
COMMON GROUND BETWEEN ISRAELIS AND PLO. LATTER AWARE OF ALL
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THE DIFFICULTIES OF CREATING A SEPARATE STATE, ESPECIALLY GIVEN
US OPPOSITION, BUT ALSO DETERMINED TO AVOID BEING SIMPLY
A PART OF JORDAN. JUDGING FROM MOST RECENT CONTACTS WITH
PLO (INCLUDING SPOKESMAN ABU MAIZAR) ANDREI SAID HE HAS IMPRES-
SION THAT PLO NOT AGAINST THE IDEA OF PARTICIPATING IN A
JOINT ARAB DELEGATION TO GENEVA, PROVIDED IT DID SO OF ITS OWN
FREE CHOICE, LIKE ANY OTHER ARAB PARTICIPANT. NOR WOULD

THEY NECESSARILY BE AGAINST SEPARATING DISCUSSION OF THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM PROVIDED THEY WOULD TAKE PART. IN SUM, THE GOR SEES IN CURRENT PLO ATTITUDES A PREDISPOSITION TOWARD REACHING AN UNDERSTANDING.

2. KOREA - ROMANIANS DETECT SOME SIGNS OF CONFIDENCE ON NORTH KOREA'S PART THAT PRESIDENT'S ATTITUDE MAY BE HELPFUL TO RELAXATION OF TENSIONS ON KOREAN QUESTION IN THAT US NOW TELLING SOUTH KOREA THAT SOUTH CAN'T COUNT AUTOMATICALLY ON US SUPPORT FOR EVERYTHING AND ANYTHING IT DOES. ON OTHER HAND NORTH KOREANS FEARFUL OF JAPANESE WHOM THEY SEE AS OPPOSING THE WITHDRAWALS OF US FORCES. IN ANY EVENT, GOR DOES NOT SEE NORTH KOREANS AS DISPOSED TOWARD TENSION BUT RATHER TOWARD DETENTE NOW DESPITE THEIR MENTION OF PARK AND BECAUSE OF THEIR DETERMINATION TO REMAIN INDEPENDENT OF SOVIETS AND CHINESE.

3. RELATIONS WITH OTHER COMMUNIST COUNTRIES - (A) WITH YUGOSLAVIA - STILL CLOSER WITH APPROACHES CLOSE ON MOST QUESTIONS INCLUDING POLITICAL ONES. (B) WITH USSR - BETTER SINCE BREZHNEV'S VISIT, THOUGH DIFFERENCES OF VIEW REMAIN, (C) WITH CHINA - WELCOME OF THE LINE NOW BEING TAKEN BOTH INTERNALLY AND IN INCREASING FOREIGN ECONOMIC TIES. NO EXPECTATION OF ANY RADICAL CHANGE IN CHINESE FOREIGN POLICY. BARNES

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